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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit, Suite 713 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 229X), Union Pacific Railroad Company- Abandonment RE: exemption—in Ellis County, Texas (Waxahachie Industrial Lead)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of Request for Issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use, for filing with the Board in the above referenced matter. A copy is being served on Applicant's representative.

The filing fee is waived for the City of Waxahachie, Texas.

Sincerely,
CHAPMAN & CHAPMAN LLP

By:

James S. Chapman Attorney for the City of Waxahachie, Texas

cc: Mack Shumate, Union Pacific

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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R § 1152.29(a), the THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS (the City) hereby requests that the Board issue a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) authorizing the City to negotiate with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) during a 180-day period for rail banking and interim recreational trial use of the right-of-way involved in this proceeding as well as the potential acquisition of the property in fee.

The following is submitted in support of that request.

1. Map of the Right-of-Way (49 C.F.R. §1152,29(a)(1)

A map of the involved right-of-way is attached as Exhibit A. The right-of-way extends from Milepost 798.03 near Waxahachie to Milepost 802.60 near Nena, a distance of 4.57 miles in Ellis County, Texas (the "Line").

2. Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility (49 C.F.R. §1152,29(a)(2)

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29, the City is willing to assume full responsibility for management of and for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by UP. The property extends between Milepost 798.03 near Waxahachie to Milepost

802.60 near Nena, a distance of 4.57 miles in Ellis County, Texas (the "Line"). The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 229X).

3. Continuing Responsibilities; Future Reactivation of Rail Service

49 C.F.R. §1152.29(a)(3)

The City acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the railroad on the same date it is being served on the Board.

CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Board should issue a Notice of Trail Interim Use authorizing the City and UP to negotiate for rail banking, interim recreational trail use and potential acquisition in fee of the right-of-way involved in this proceeding.

CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS 401 S. Rogers Waxahachie, Texas 75165

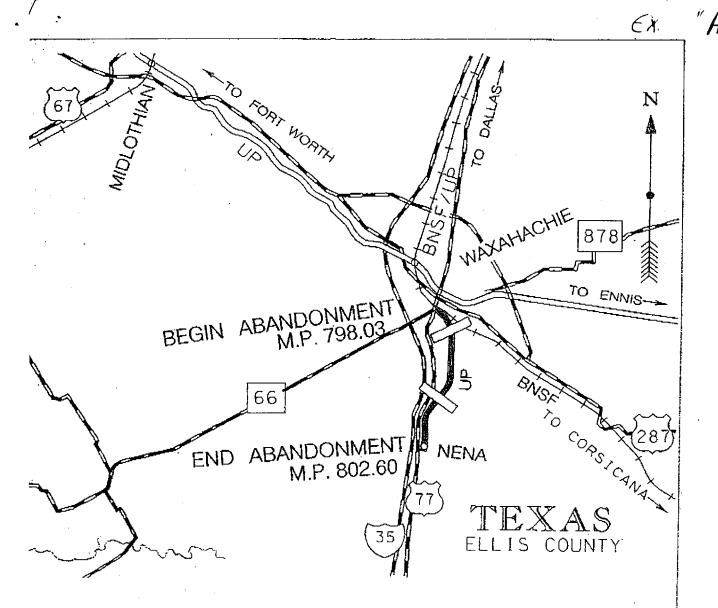
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ATTACHMENT NO. 1



BRIDGE NO.	BRIDGE TYPE	TOTAL LENGTH	DATE
BR 789.1	1- 102' SPAN TT	434	1890
	31-SPAN TPT		12961
BR. 800.9	1-100' SPAN 17	154'	1905
L	11 SPAN TPT		1938

STATION	MILE POST	AGENCY
WAXAHACHE	798.10	N(C)
NENA	902.60	NO

LEGEND

WAXAHACHIE INDUSTRIAL LEAD A TOTAL OF 4.57 MILES IN ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS

UPRR LINES TO BE ABANDONED

OTHER RR LINES

OTHER RAILROADS

50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES

PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS

OTHER ROADS

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO. WAXAHACHIE INDUSTRIAL LEAD INCL. 50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES

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